



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 197 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 16, 2012. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 16, 2012. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through June 16, 2012 were 3.94 billion, down 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	May 12, 2012	May 19, 2012	May 26, 2012	June 2, 2012	June 9, 2012	June 16, 2012
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,976	28,424	28,321	28,305	28,277	27,813
Arkansas	21,793	21,826	21,553	21,578	21,492	21,556
Delaware	3,622	3,696	3,699	3,710	3,547	3,519
Florida	1,353	1,353	1,353	1,352	1,350	1,351
Georgia	32,771	32,634	32,656	33,032	32,466	32,501
Kentucky	7,817	7,871	7,838	7,728	7,647	7,676
Louisiana	3,470	3,455	3,409	3,500	3,439	3,409
Maryland	7,087	7,200	7,388	7,672	7,194	7,483
Mississippi	18,185	18,095	18,078	18,065	18,000	17,404
Missouri	7,687	7,726	7,989	7,988	8,023	7,635
North Carolina	20,044	20,428	19,953	19,992	19,843	19,508
Oklahoma	6,926	6,843	7,133	6,801	7,024	6,600
Pennsylvania	3,703	3,715	3,838	3,840	3,789	3,713
South Carolina	5,481	5,462	5,277	5,091	5,558	5,066
Texas	14,636	14,589	15,070	15,039	14,790	14,550
Virginia	6,281	6,279	6,353	6,425	6,325	6,252
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,958	11,129	11,060	10,756	10,589	10,736
19 State total	199,790	200,725	200,968	200,874	199,353	196,772
Previous year total	206,342	206,792	205,932	205,234	204,659	199,826
Percent of previous year	97	97	98	98	97	98

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	May 12, 2012	May 19, 2012	May 26, 2012	June 2, 2012	June 9, 2012	June 16, 2012
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	19,775	20,746	20,482	20,128	20,710	20,278
Arkansas	20,132	19,908	20,303	20,800	20,656	20,410
Delaware	3,956	4,361	3,733	4,235	4,333	4,764
Florida	1,328	1,509	1,333	1,285	1,175	1,260
Georgia	27,482	26,806	28,532	27,656	27,682	28,160
Kentucky	6,666	5,950	6,768	6,305	6,213	6,497
Louisiana	3,130	3,075	3,111	3,084	3,077	3,240
Maryland	6,860	6,377	6,367	6,528	5,864	5,801
Mississippi	15,477	15,042	15,401	15,672	15,201	15,582
Missouri	5,113	5,494	5,387	5,186	5,408	6,084
North Carolina	16,649	16,338	16,820	16,227	16,345	16,236
Oklahoma	4,573	4,237	4,156	4,315	4,430	3,636
Pennsylvania	3,151	2,954	2,993	3,007	3,023	2,867
South Carolina	4,819	3,779	3,766	4,623	4,937	4,683
Texas	12,350	12,113	12,345	12,171	12,083	12,325
Virginia	4,935	5,187	5,009	5,021	5,264	4,922
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,676	11,676	10,618	10,341	10,856	10,514
19 State total	167,072	165,552	167,124	166,584	167,257	167,259
Previous year total	174,014	172,512	172,753	171,318	169,855	168,765
Percent of previous year	96	96	97	97	98	99

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all chicken hatcheries within the 19 States that hatch at least one million chicks a year. The 19 States account for approximately 97 percent of the broilers produced on an annual basis. Individual NASS field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries within the 19 States that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness. Individual hatchery data are summed to State and 19 State totals.

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